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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

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Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the rejections in light of the arguments contained in this Amendment are respectfully requested. Early and favorable action is further requested. This Amendment comports with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.116. This amendment is necessary because of the new arguments contained in the Final Action rejecting claims 1-8. Specifically, the Examiner now asserts the application of Tanenbaum.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: NONE

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.